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TO: Wyoming School Nurses

RE: Sight for Students Program

We are pleased to inform you of the continued collaborative partnership between the Wyoming Optometric Association, the Wyoming School Nurse Association, and Vision Service Plan (VSP), a national healthcare leader in the area of eye care services. This is the ninth year that VSP has pledged to provide eye exams and glasses to needy children throughout the nation. Recognizing the important role that vision plays in the educational process, VSP founded *the Sight for Students Program* several years ago to help low income children obtain vision care. The Wyoming Optometric Association has agreed to provide assistance in coordinating the program for students in Wyoming. We are honored to have the Wyoming School Nurses Association partner with us again this year to see that free eye care is available to those students who truly need our help and cannot afford eye care.

VSP's Role: Vision Service Plan (VSP) will provide eye care services at no charge to qualifying students whose families' income is at or at less than 200% of the federal poverty level and do not qualify for any State or Federal programs, or are not enrolled in a health plan that provides vision care. The services will include an eye exam from one of VSP's participating doctors, as well as glasses should they be prescribed. There will be no cost to the families unless they choose to purchase a cosmetic option or other extras. *VSP has an annual limit of 50,000 cases donated nationally.*

Wyoming Optometric Association's Role: The WOA will coordinate efforts between school nurses and VSP. WOA will receive the request form from the school nurse and review the data for completeness. Upon approval of the request, WOA will send a Gift Certificate back to the requesting School Nurse.

School Nurses Role: Participating School Nurses will identify qualified students in your school who appear to require eye care services. The school nurse with the permission of the family will verify that the child meets the following criteria:

- Family income is 200% or less than poverty level
- Child is not enrolled in Medicaid, Kid Care or other vision insurance
- Child is 18 years of age or younger or has not graduated from high school
- Child or parent is US citizen or resident alien with a social security number
- Child has not used the program during the last 12 months

School Nurses Role Continued: The School Nurse will fax the completed Benefit Form to the WOA office. Once the Certificate has been sent to the nurse for the student's use, the school nurse will assist the child's family in making an appointment with a VSP doctor. When they make the appointment, please ask them to use this script:

"I'd like to make an appointment for (child's name) who as VSP insurance. We will bring the VSP Benefit Certificate to the appointment in order to receive services".

If you have any questions regarding the program, please don't hesitate to call the WOA office, 307.640.6157.

Thank you for all you do.
Kari Cline
WOA Executive Director

200% of Federal Poverty Guidelines			
Size of Family	48 States & DC	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$21,660	\$27,060	\$24,920
2	29,140	36,420	33,520
3	36,620	45,780	42,120
4	44,100	55,140	50,720
5	51,580	64,500	59,320
6	59,060	73,860	67,920
7	66,540	83,220	76,520
8	74,020	92,580	85,120
For each additional person add:	\$7,480	\$9,360	\$8,600